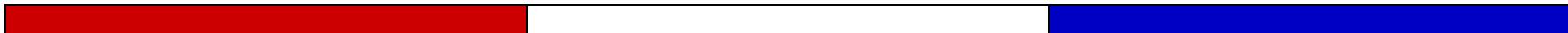




ELPVAHCS-WBAMC Update



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 - Where you are today?
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Overview of the Sharing Initiative

- Where we are today?

VA-DoD sharing started in El Paso in early 1970s. Since then the relationship has progressed over the years to one that is more collegial and focused on what is best for the patient regardless of beneficiary status.
- Goals
 - Identify more initiatives for sharing
 - Utilize all resources efficiently and effectively
 - Locally provide the best care possible to all our patients



Progress to date

- Demonstration Site Project (separate brief)
- CHDR Project (separate brief)
- JIF: Cardiac Thoracic Surgery
- OR suites – sharing ELPVA space during WB OR renovation (since 1Nov06). Potential for continued sharing.
- Central Materiel Services initiative - in development
- Mammogram initiative
- Discharge Planning – inpatient VABs



5 Things We Do Well

- Communicate (always room for improvement)
- Brainstorm
- Identify and clarify problem areas
- Organize work groups
- Involve leadership (as needed)



5 Things We Need

- Money
- VA- DoD policy that makes joint staffing more feasible (job descriptions, grade levels, pay, supervision guidelines, etc)
- Easier methods to share information with other VA-DoD JV sites
- Communication, cooperation and collaboration at the national-service level (outside the VA-DoD program arena)
- World Peace



Lessons Learned

- Information is power - share it
- Synergy
- Involve the unions early and often
- Don't let the nay sayers hold you back
- If the door won't open, try the window
- Think before you open your mouth
- VA-DoD Sharing is a lot like being married